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Department of Justice, Antitrust Division Attn: Renata Heese 601 D Street, NW Ste. 1200 Washington, DC 20530 Fax (202) 616-9937

Re: The Justice Department vs. Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse and Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the antitrust case against Microsoft for a number of years and understand we are close to a settlement. It has been brought to my attention we are within the Tunney Act's 60-day deadline to submit public comments and I'd like to extend my support of the proposed consent decree.

Yes, it is true the courts have ruled Microsoft engaged in violation of the Sherman Act. But it is also true The Justice Department vs. Microsoft can't go on forever, as some of Microsoft's competitors may wish.

Our nation is now officially in a recession. The significance of accepting this decree can't be emphasized enough. Millions of dollars and time have already been spent on this case. A proposed consent decree has been submitted. It is now in our national interest to accept this settlement and move forward.

For the Vietnamese community in particular, this issue is of great concern. Many are employed in everything from programming to distribution. Over the years of this case, we have seen thousands of jobs lost and distribution numbers drastically reduced. While the outcome of this case remains pending, so does our economy and livelihood.

In addition, the success of the hi-tech industry has a ripple effect which opens the door for other good people from Vietnam to come to the United States. Many in our community believe settling this case and allowing the technology industry to continue its growth will be extremely positive for all of us (here or abroad).

It is my opinion the settlement is fair and benefits consumers. I encourage you to accept this settlement.

Sincerely,